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HAD A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN LAST NIGHT (MAY 19) AT DINNER IN WHICH HE EXHIBITED GREAT FRUSTRATION ABOUT THE CURRENT STALEMATE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT, AND ESPECIALLY ABOUT HIS OWN INABILITY TO RENEW HIS PERSONAL ROLE WITH SADAT AND GAMASY. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD SEEN A COPY OF A REPORT ON MY MEETING YESTERDAY WITH DAYAN (REFTEL), BUT WAS WHLLY PREOCCUPIED WITH HOW HE COULD GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO GO BACK TO EGYPT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE WAS AS USUAL HIGHLY CRITICAL OF HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES FOR "NOT UNDERSTANDING THE SITUATION" AND RISKING THE BREAK-DOWN IN COMMUNICATIONS. AT ONE POINT HE SAID HE "MIGHT JUST ASK THE CABINET ON SUNDAY TO AUTHORIZE HIM TO HOP OVER TO CAIRO IF ONLY FOR A FEW HOURS NEXT WEEK TO TALK TO GAMASY AND HOPEFULLY TO SADAT." I MADE NO RPT NO COMMENT ON THIS IDEA, AND I DOUBT SERIOUSLY THAT HE WILL FOLLOW UP ON IT IN LIGHT OF THE STATE OF PLAY WITH DAYAN AND BEGIN AT PRESENT OVER THE TWO QUESTIONS SECRET

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WE HAVE PUT TO THE GOI. ONE ENCOURAGING NOTE IN THE CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, WAS THAT HE ASKED ME TO CLARIFY FOR HIM EXACTLY WHAT THE QUESTIONS WERE WE WERE PUTTING TO THE GOI. WHEN I HAD DONE SO, HE SAID "I CAN SUPPORT THAT, AND I WILL." I ENCOURAGED HIM STRONGLY TO DO SO WHEN IT CAME BEFORE THE CABINET. LEWIS

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